THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 6th April 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions relating to Hon. Ministers for Education and Industries will be taken up tomorrow."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri S. Narayanappa is not in his seat the question and answer will be published in the proceedings.

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Khosla Committee asked for the opinion of the Madras Government regarding the High Level Channel of Tungabhadra ; and

(*b*) if so, what were the remarks offered by the State Government?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

Tungabhadra High Level Channel.

* 334 *Q.*—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when Tungabhadra High Level Channel will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The detailed investigation of the scheme is in progress. The question of sanction and execution of the scheme will be considered after the plans and estimates are received."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister assure us that this High Level Channel will be included and taken up before he relinquishes office here? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Does the hon. Member want a reply from the Hon. the Chief Minister or the Minister concerned? "

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" I want the answer of the Cabinet as a whole."

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, it is not in the hands of this State Government. The scheme was recommended to the Centre for being included in the Five-year Plan but unfortunately, the Planning Commission has not included it. There the matter ends."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, from the Hon. Minister if the High Level Channel was part of the original Tungabhadra scheme and if so why it has not been taken up till now? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, originally when the scheme was drawn up the High Level Channel was proposed to be taken up. Later on they changed the alignment and proposed the Low Level Channel."

SRI G. NAGABHUSHANAM :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that several public meetings and conferences were held, at some of which the Hon. Minister was also present, demanding that the High Level Channel should be taken up immediately for execution in view of the fact that it flows through the famine affected areas of Bellary and Anantapur? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" May I know, Sir, whether the waters of the Tungabhadra will supplement the K.C. Canal waters if the Tungabhadra canal is executed? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I do not know what exactly the hon. Member means. There is so much of water in Tungabhadra and this joins the waters of the Krishna. So far as the Krishna waters are concerned, there is an agreement which regulates the sharing of the waters."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" May I know Sir, what is the estimated cost of the scheme and the probable acreage that will be brought under cultivation? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" About Rs. 9 crores and 2 lakhs of acres respectively."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that at one time the High Level Channel was included in the scheme. This means that estimates ought to have been prepared for this already. That being so, may I know, what the Hon. Minister means by saying estimates are to be prepared? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, somewhere about 1942 estimates were prepared for a High Level Channel. But it was changed. They wanted to have an hydro-electric scheme and so they have changed to Low Level Channel."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, my question has not been answered. Investigation and preparation of

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estimates were already over. Now the Hon. Minister says that the scheme is still under investigation. I should like to have clarification on that."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The alignment is different. It is not the same."

SRI M. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Sir, since the Government of Madras have invested crores of rupees on the construction of the Tungabhadra Project and now some of the taluks are to be transferred to the Mysore State, do the Government realise the necessity of demanding compensation from Mysore State? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I require notice, Sir."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" May I know the reason why this High Level Channel was given up, whether it was due to inadequacy of water and if so may I know the amount of water available and how many acres could be irrigated with that water? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, the High Level channel was not given up due to inadequacy of water but it was given up because they wanted to have an hydro-electric project. Therefore they introduced the Low Level Channel scheme."

SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU :—" May I know the alignment of the present High Level Canal and the amount of water allotted for that? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Of course, if the hon. Member is anxious to have the figures, we have 65 T.M.C. of water. So far as the Tungabhadra scheme is concerned we have sufficient water even for the High Level Channel."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అధ్యక్షా, ఇదివరకు ఈ High Level Channel గురించి అనేక ఎస్టిమేట్లు తయారుచేశారని అన్నారు. అయితే High Level Channel పనిని ప్రారంభించడంలో ఆలస్యం చేయడానికి కారణమేమి? ఈ విషయములో కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వానికి, Planning commission కు వ్రాశాము; వారు ఈ విషయములో నిర్ణయానికి వచ్చేవరకు ఏమిచేయడానికి వీలు లేదని అంటే, దీనిని ఎన్నిమార్లు investigate చేశారు. ఆ investigations, estimates మాకు చూపిస్తారా. రెండవది, కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వానికి దీనిని recommend చేసినపుడు, ఒక ఖచ్చితమైన plan వేసి, ఎస్టిమేట్లు పూర్తిచేసి పంపించారా, లేక నామమాత్రంగా దీనిని పంపించారా. Investigation అయివుంటే, దాని వివరాలు ఇస్తారా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" As regards the first part of the question as to why the High Level Channel has been dropped and why the Low Level Channel has been taken up, I would say that so far as the Madras State is concerned, they have investigated the scheme up to a certain point and sent it up for being included in the Five-year Plan. In 8-40 a.m.

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regard to the question of placing of the estimates before the House, that is never done. The estimates are prepared by the Chief Engineer and they are approved by the Government. They won't come up for sanction to the House."

SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU :—" During the budget session the Hon. Minister for Public Works said that 25 T.M.C. feet of water was allotted for the High Level Channel. When 150 T.M.C. feet of water is available at the dam site, may I know, Sir, why only 25 T.M.C. feet was allotted and when and by whom it was allotted? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, I only said that so far as the agreement of 1951 relating to the sharing of waters between Hyderabad and Madras was concerned, the Madras State would get a portion of water of which 25 T.M.C. feet was reserved for the Tungabhadra High Level Channel. This is entirely different from what the hon. Member is asking."

SRI G. NAGABHUSHANAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Khosla Committee suggested that the waters intended for the High Level Channel should be diverted to the K.C. Canal and that the High Level Channel should be dropped, and whether that was the reason for delay? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I may state that it is not very clear from the Khosla Committee Report whether the waters meant for the High Level Channel or the Low Level Channel should be used for the remodelled K.C. Canal, but they have said that Tungabhadra waters can be used for the remodelled K.C. Canal till Siddeswaram is built in the second stage."

Diesel Thermal Station for Kadiri.

* 335 *Q.*—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Rayalaseema Development Board recommended to the Government for the installation of Diesel Thermal Station at Kadiri in Anantapur district and for its inclusion in the current budget;

(*b*) what is the estimated cost of this scheme;

(*c*) what is the extent of total acreage of land to be brought under cultivation;

(*d*) why this scheme has not been taken up; and

(*e*) when this scheme was investigated and the estimates were prepared?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) Rupees 5·588 lakhs initially rising to Rs. 12·507 lakhs in ten years.